

# RISER

## SCENE 4

*(RISER's office. GRACE salutes as Riser flips through her file, then looks up.)*

**RISER**

A civilian does not salute.

**GRACE**

Oh! I'm sorry.

**RISER**

Have a seat.

*(she sits)*

Miss Banker, you're one of the most experienced operators we've had apply. College educated... promoted to Chief within two years... a glowing recommendation from your boss.

**GRACE**

Really?

**RISER**

"There is no one I would more enthusiastically recommend for service overseas."

**GRACE**

Mr. Morris and I have always had a special rapport.

**RISER**

And Lieutenant Wessen tells me that you even helped improve our screening process.

**GRACE**

Yes, well... when you have a four-part process, it doesn't really make sense to keep one girl waiting until the girl ahead of her has finished all four parts.

**RISER**

An efficiency expert. I'm beginning to understand how your team members are able to connect...

*(consulting a sheet)*

...three hundred calls per hour.

**GRACE**

That's on average. It's higher during peak hours—

**RISER**

On the other hand, your French is rather poor.

**GRACE**

I know I'm a bit rusty. But it's coming back more and more.

**RISER**

Miss Banker, forgive me if this seems abrupt, but we're near the end of our process, and we've already selected most of the women for our First Unit.

**GRACE**

I understand, and I only ask that I be given the chance to re-apply for the Second Unit.

**RISER**

The Second Unit?

**GRACE**

If the Army needs more operators. I know I can do better.

**RISER**

Miss Banker – I don't think you understand. We want you to head up the First Unit.

**GRACE**

To head it up?

**RISER**

Chief Operator. It's the same job you've been doing for Bell, only now you'll do it for the Army. That is, if you accept the post...

**GRACE**

Oh! I... well, what would I have to do— no, that doesn't matter. I accept!

**RISER**

Good. And as far as what you'll have to do, we keep it very simple in the Army. You take orders from those above you; you give orders to those below.

<b>#4 MARCHING ORDERS</b>
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THE PRIVATE HAS A CORPORAL  
AND THE CORPORAL HAS A SARGE  
AND SO IT GOES, ON UP THE CHAIN